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SUBJECT: COMMENTS FROM PRESS BRIEFINGS

FOR ANDERSON FROM S/PRS

1. JANKA REQUESTED YOU BE SENT THE FOLLOWING EXCHANGE FROM TODAY'S PRESS BRIEFINGS:

Q. JOHN, DO YOU HAVE A COMMENT ABOUT THE CHINESE EXPLOSION OF THE NUCLEAR BOMB?

A. WELL, I CAN ONLY TELL YOU THAT WE HAVE CONSISTENTLY URGED ALL STATES THAT HAVE NOT YET DONE SO, TO ADHERE WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY TO THE LIMITED TEST BAN TREATY OF 1963. BEYOND THAT, I WOULDN'T HAVE ANYTHING SPECIFIC TO SAY.

Q. SO THAT GOES FOR FRANCE, TOO.

A. YES.

Q. IN OTHER WORDS, JOHN, I TAKE IT YOUR COMMENT APPLIES EQUALLY TO THE FRENCH TEST EXPLOSION AND THE CHINESE
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A. YES, IT DOES, YES.
2. FOLLOWING EXCHANGE TOOK PLACE AT SECDEF SCHLESINGER
11 A.M. PRESS CONFERENCE, JUNE 17:

Q. MR. SECRETARY, COULD YOU COMMENT ON THE REPORTED CHINESE
EXPLODING A NUCLEAR DEVICE THIS MORNING?

A. IT WAS IN THE ONE MEGATON AREA.

Q. ANY SIGNIFICANCE TO IT?

A. I THINK THIS SIMPLY REFLECTS THE SLOW-PACED CHINESE
PROGRAM; THAT THE PACE OF TESTING HAS NOT BEEN HIGH BUT
IT HAS BEEN MODERATELY SUCCESSFUL OVER THE YEARS. WE
SEEM TO HAVE A PLETHORA OF NUCLEAR EVENTS IN THE LAST FEW
DAYS OR LAST FEW WEEKS. THIS IS JUST ONE OF THOSE
EVENTS. WHETHER IT IS ANTICIPATING ANYTHING IN THE
DIPLOMATIC ARENA THAT MAY BE FORTHCOMING IN THE NEXT FEW
WEEKS IS A QUESTION THAT YOU WOULD HAVE TO ADDRESS TO
SOMEBODY ELSE. SISCO

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